

SENATE BILL 1947

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to corporal punishment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 41, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, each LEA shall submit, at least annually, a report to the department detailing the LEA's use of corporal punishment. The report shall include, at a minimum, information regarding the reason for each use of corporal punishment and whether the instance involved a student with an active individualized education program or an active 504 plan under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794).

(b) The report submitted pursuant to this section shall exclude any personal information and shall be created in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), (20 U.S.C. § 1232g), § 10-7-504, and any other relevant state or federal privacy law.

(c) The department shall report on its website the number of instances of corporal punishment in each LEA and the number of instances involving a student with an active individualized education program or an active 504 plan under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.